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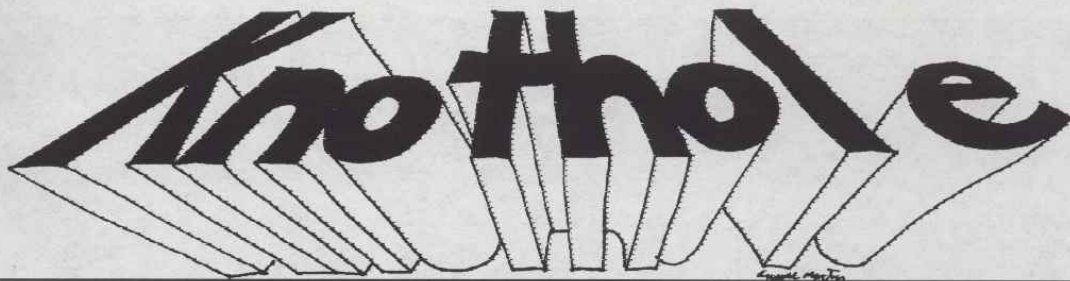
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Gamma Delta Theta News

by Jen Miller (ex-publicity)

Well, things have shifted in the Gamma Delt house. I am now Social Chair, meaning I get to plan all those fun parties and our formal and semi-formal. Personally, I can't wait to see what I come up with, but hopefully everyone will have fun. Congratulations to everyone on their new positions, especially Jess and Missy. It's tough leading twenty women but I know you both are fully capable of doing it.

On to other news; I would like to congratulate:

Jessica Howard
Erin Fitzgerald

on becoming new sisters. They survived everything very well and we are proud to now call them our sisters. Anyone interested in joining, or rushing as we call it in our sorority, there is always next semester. We are not your typical bunch of women. There are great opportunities to become involved in philanthropic activities, meet new people on both the SU and ESF campuses, and create

friendships that will last your entire college career.

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive was a success. The day I'm writing this, I saw boxes full of food. We and the poor appreciate your generosity. It should make you feel happier that you have fed a starving family in the Syracuse area.

Our next event is the Salvation Army Christmas Tree project. This tree will be set up in Nifkin Lounge and will have the names of needy people in the area. You can

pick a name off the tree, and there will be information on this person, such as their address and what would be a helpful gift to send. It doesn't take much time or money but makes a world of difference during the season of loving. Remember, not everyone has someone to love this holiday, so this can also be the time of extreme loneliness and pain. Please pick a name and make that person's holidays seem much brighter. Remember Scrooge and what happened to him.

Society of American Foresters'

MAKING YOU LOOK GOOD AND FEEL BETTER

Saturday, November 11, was a busy day for 14 people. Wayne Allen, from the New York State Ranger School, came down to lead a Standard First Aid and Adult CPR course to thirteen students. From 9am until 4:30 pm the students practiced skills, watched Red Cross videos and answered questions. At the end, after 2 quick tests, they walked out CERTIFIED.

Special thanks goes out to Wayne Allen. Without him these students would not have been able to get their certificates in such a painfree manner. We were all quite amazed that he drove down 3 hrs, taught the class, then drove back home.

If you did not sign up for the course, or where unable to attend, keep your eyes out for a repeat next semester.

**+ American
Red Cross**



Policy/Deadlines

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To the editor

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



I would like to respond to Steven Pierce's Welfare Editorial Comment in the November 1, 1995 *Knothole*.

Mr. Pierce's editorial implied that all recipients of welfare in the State of New York are free loaders, who are living a life better than those members of society who contribute by working. I would like to offer my opinion on this statement with a comment and a question.

First the comment. Mr. Pierce has whole heartedly embraced the conservative's welfare rhetoric without critically analyzing the issue based upon the facts. For example, welfare is utilized as a safety net for many of the working and middle class members of this society. When death, disease, marital or employment problems cause a person or family to suffer hardships, welfare provides a safety net to prevent the hardship from permanently affecting that individual or family.

My own family received government assistance when the recession in the early 1970s kept my father out of work for over a year. Did we live "high on the hog"? No, but

we were able to eat three meals a day in a heated house. This is what welfare does for many people in this country, it prevents a temporary hardship from permanently destroying a life or a family.

Now my question to Mr. Pierce. Have you ever thought about whether you, up until this point of your life, have been a societal freeloader? In other words, you utilized the roads built in the State of New York, been educated in the State's schools, recreated in areas set aside from private ownership by the State and in fact are now attending a College which the citizens of the State of New York subsidize. So what have *you*, not your parents, but you contributed towards these facilities and services? Have you paid *your* fair share? My point is not to personally attack Mr. Pierce. My point is that in a society, sometimes we benefit and sometimes we contribute to the costs of the benefits we as societal members utilize and enjoy.

Robert W. Malmshiemer

Brown Bag Lunch

Just for Fun: A Piano Performance and Discussion

Join us for a discussion and demonstration of the piano as a wood product and musical instrument.

Thursday, December 7, Noon, Nifkin Lounge

George H. Kyanka, Chair and Professor, Wood Products Engineering
Elizabeth Hassett, Nottingham High School, Syracuse

Hosted by the office of Instructional Development, Evaluation and Services, and the Brown Bag Committee of the Quality of Worklife Committee and the Employee Assistance Program.

Around Campus

To: All ESF Undergraduate Clubs and Organizations
 From: Undergraduate Student Association Communication Committee
 Subject: Voting positions on USA for club/organization presidents/representatives

To increase participation in USA from all student clubs and organizations, the possibility of giving club presidents (or representatives) a voting position on USA is being discussed. This would change the current USA structure for voting positions where only two representatives for each curriculum, as well as a class chair, are allowed each year. The USA Communication Committee is looking for feedback from all official clubs and organizations as to whether their group feels the need for such a position. Also, be aware that this new position has not yet been decided upon. This issue will be discussed at USA. There will also be time for you to voice your opinion at the President's Roundtable on Tuesday, November 28, 1995 at 5:30p.m. in Nifkin Lounge. Your participation is greatly appreciated.



Woodsmen's Team In Canada

On Saturday, November 11, four Woodsmen's teams from ESF competed at Sir Sanford College in Lindsey, Ontario. The first woman's team bested the competition and are now the proud keepers of the first place trophy for the next year. The first men's team finished fifth in their division, and the second men's and woman's teams showed fine efforts, gaining valuable experience.

It was a large meet, with nearly forty teams competing. The weather was downright mean. By the end of the day, competitors, fans, and judges were left cold, wet, muddy, and wondering if gills would soon be needed to survive. The competition field became the competition mud pit and the final firebuilding event was canceled.

The day ended with an awards dinner and moved on to celebration. Congratulations to the woman's team for their win. The talented, close knit squad invested much hard work and time into the practices, resulting in the well deserved win.

The remainder of the semester will be directed towards less intense practices and studying, with an eye on preparing for next semesters meets.

ESF WOMEN'S CAUCUS

Welcoming Women Faculty, Staff and Students at ESF

NOVEMBER MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1995

NOON TO 1:00

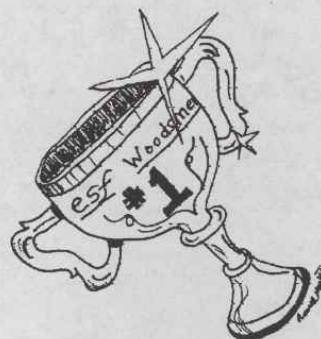
IN MOON CONFERENCE ROOM

(Bring your brown bag lunch)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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NOTE: MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH EXCEPT DECEMBER





Sounding Off

With Greg Bubniak

Corporate Welfare



I am writing this week to address a topic that has recently struck me as important in our society. This topic is corporate welfare. It is a well known fact that there is corporate welfare on the level of the defense industries. This sort of corporate welfare is at least somewhat excusable; we need national defense, which is not a cheap thing to purchase. The technology purchased by our government from the computer industry is important too — they need these things to function. The corporate welfare irking me these days is that of the professional sports team owners.

The example I am about to present is the relocation of the National Football League's Cleveland Browns franchise to Baltimore, MD. This is an example of blatant corporate greed on the part of the majority owner of the Browns, Art Modell. As a side note, I am a Cleveland Browns fan, and do feel strongly against the move of this institution from the great city of Cleveland. Except for maybe Buffalo, you will not find a better set of football fans in any city in the country. They deserve a better shake than Art is giving them.

Mr. Modell wishes to move the Browns from Cleveland. What is his impetus? Simply put: money. Modell is willing to take this institu-

tion from Cleveland for \$50 million and the promise of a new stadium to be built for his team. Where is this money coming from? The taxpayers of the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland. They are quite literally going to give this rich man \$225 million to move his football



team to Baltimore. Despite what he may say, Art is a rich man. Is Art really such a bad guy for doing this? Maybe not. If Baltimore were going to give me \$225 million, I'd be a little hard pressed to turn it down. The problem here is that this is not an isolated case — it is happening more and more in the recent years, and ap-

pears likely to happen very soon for a handful of other teams.

This sort of welfare is absolutely nauseating to me. Professional sports team owners tell municipalities that they want a new facility to play in, expect the city to pay for all of it and are only willing to dish out the subsequent taxes for the money they make off of it. I assure you, no city would pay for a paper mill to be built for me or any company in their city and expect only taxes back. They wouldn't even consider it! The owners of professional sports teams are some of the greediest people I can think of. What they do to cities is much worse than the burden of one person taking welfare checks illegally. This person is not right either, but the scale of the crime they have committed pales in comparison to the crime committed every time a sports team owner threatens to move the team unless a new stadium is built.

So here it is Art: you are a crook. No doubt about it. You've proven to the fans of Cleveland that you have no soul. Here it is to the municipalities: just say no. If you all do, and make the rich owners shell out for their own stadiums, then they will have to actually fund their entire operation like every the business out there. What a novel idea! Then maybe we can consider the National Football League private industry.

1996 GREAT LAKES RESEARCH CONSORTIUM STUDENT/FACULTY CONFERENCE

January 12-13, 1996
SUNY College of Environmental
Science and Forestry
Syracuse, NY

CALL FOR STUDENT PAPERS

IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & SCHOLARSHIP RELATED TO THE GREAT LAKES

The Sixth Annual Great Lakes Research Consortium Student-Faculty Conference will be held January 12 & 13 at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, New York. The conference highlights student research, providing opportunities for students to meet others interested in environmental science and scholarship, particularly as applied to problems related to the Great Lakes. Student presentations will be divided into one of two types: 1) Results of ongoing or completed research, and 2) Research plans and proposals, which gives students who are developing future research plans an opportunity to present their ideas to an audience of peers and faculty. Each presentation is followed by a short discussion of the proposed research design and methods.

There will be several sessions including;

A) Public Policy Analysis
B) Social Science Topics including Economics, Human Dimensions, Social Ecology, and Planning

C) Limnology and Ecology including Fisheries, Trophic Interactions, Ecosystem Modeling

D) Environmental Chemistry and Toxicology

E) Environmental Engineering and Modeling.

Final session categories will be determined by a committee of students based on the proposals received.

All students presenting at the Conference will receive free registration, including meals at the luncheon and banquet. In addition, the New York Sea Grant Institute sponsors the Don Rennie Memorial Awards, - \$100 cash award for best presentation in each of several categories of sessions and for best poster. Only students presenting research results are eligible for awards. Participants in the research plans and proposals section are not eligible for the awards, but will receive free registration and meals.

If you are interested in presenting at the annual conference,

please submit an abstract of your research or proposed research. The text of the submission must be submitted by electronic mail or on 3 1/2" diskette. Please mail hard copy with any illustrations. The abstract should not exceed 200 words and should include the title of the presentation, authors' names and affiliations, and the author's preference for disciplinary designation (Environmental Chemistry, Ecosystem Modeling, Public Policy Analysis etc.). Please include your campus address, phone number, email address and a home address, or information on how we can reach you over the winter break. Deadline for submission of abstracts is December 1, 1995. Notification of acceptance, and session placement will be available by January 5, 1996.

Send Abstracts To: Great Lakes Research Consortium, 24 Bray Hall, SUNY ESF, Syracuse, NY 13210, FAX: (315) 470-6970, email: jpmanno@mailbox.syr.edu. For more information call Jack Manno at (315) 470-6816.



President's Roundtable

Date: Tuesday, November 28, 1995

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Nifkin Lounge

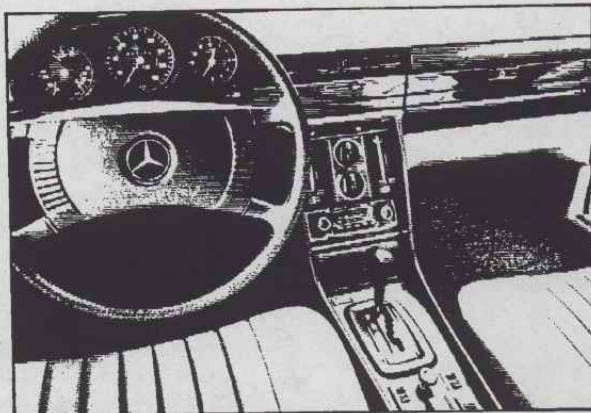
Topics: Administrivia
Club News
Club Voting at USA
Upcoming Events

Environmental Justice Forum to Take Place on November 28

November 28 at 7:00 there will be an Environmental Justice Forum in Schine Room 304 A&B. Speakers will include; Charles Wheelock of the International Indigenous Environmental Network, Ludovic Blain, NY State Environmental Justice organizer for NYPIRG, and Louches Powell of the Dunbar Center. For more information call Eunice Casey at 476-8381.

*The Knothole Staff
would like to wish all
students, faculty and
staff a happy and
safe Thanksgiving.*

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The Writing Support Center
Moon Library, Room 105

ESF Students' Town Meeting

(Sponsored by
USA and GSA)



Town Meeting

**Join us to discuss the
Student Health Insurance
Plan offered by Syracuse
University**

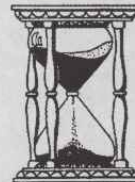
Monday, December 4, 1995

7:30 PM

Nifkin Lounge, Marshall Hall

Refreshments Served

In The Near Future...



Monday, November 27

USA Meeting, 5:30 PM, Nifkin Lounge

Tuesday, November 28

President's Roundtable, 5:30 PM, Nifkin Lounge. All clubs must send a representative!

Student Environmental Action Coalition Meeting, 6:00 PM, Nifkin Lounge

Wednesday, November 29

Recycling Club Meeting, 5:00 PM, Nifkin Lounge

Knothole Staff Meeting, 6:30 PM, 22 Bray Hall

Friday, December 1

TGIO!, hosted by the Forestry Club, 4:30 PM, Nifkin Lounge

Monday, December 4

USA Meeting, 5:30 PM, Nifkin Lounge

Tuesday, December 5

Student Environmental Action Coalition Meeting, 6:00 PM, Nifkin Lounge

Wednesday, December 6

Recycling Club Meeting, 5:00 PM, Nifkin Lounge

Knothole Staff Meeting, 6:30 PM, 22 Bray Hall

Friday, December 8

*****Last day of classes*****

December Soiree — check fliers around campus or in Small Stores.

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